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# THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2009

*We Don't Complain About Problems — We Work On Solutions*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Neighbors,

This being the last newsletter of our civic year, it is fitting to take stock of those matters that we can change to make us better.

First: We have not reached our goal of 200 paid members. We are 25 members short, but could still reach 200 during the summer months by attracting new members and having regular members pay their current dues. And you, personally, can help to increase our membership by asking your neighbors to come to our meetings and to join the Queens Village Civic Association. The more members we have, the more effective we can be to in our efforts to maintain our quality of life.

Second: We get few volunteers to serve on committees or deliver our newsletter. We are only asking for 15-20 minutes of your time to deliver newsletters in your block or immediate vicinity nine times a year. If you're interested, please call 718-468-2160.

On the plus side, Larry McClean has been our Community Board 13 Manager for a year. He addressed us at a meeting last fall. We have found him and his staff to be very responsive to our interests.

April Meeting: Despite the last minute notice of the unavailability of Stewart Hall due to the swine flu alarm, swift intervention by Jim Mooney got us a meeting room in the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The attendance was strong, and the audience appreciated the presentation given by Karen Ellis, DEP's Director of Community Liaison for Queens. She took the time to answer all our questions.

Your civic was well represented on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at a lively meeting to hear announced candidates for the New York City Council in our District 23. Their positions have the most impact on local neighborhoods like Queens Village. It's up to us to stay tuned in and involved.

I hope to see many of you at our Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers Ceremony on June 16. Although we do not meet in July and August, we will continue to have items of civic interest and importance on our message line at 718-217-4049. Your suggestions are welcome.

Your neighbor,

John Stiller



FROM  
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 0766  
QUEENS VILLAGE, NEW YORK 11428-0766

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16  
7:30 P. M.  
Place: Stewart Hall  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Springfield Blvd. & 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
On the Agenda: Annual Dinner and Installation  
of 2009-2010 Officers

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**OUR MEMBERSHIP**

We have added 17 new members during the current civic year, and 158 Queens Villagers have renewed their membership. You can join us at our monthly meetings or by using the membership application form in this newsletter. Dues are \$5.00 a year per person. As a member of our association, you will have our newsletter delivered to your home and receive our support in helping to solve problems in the community that diminish your peace and comfort. We need you to increase our strength and our clout as we fight for City services and programs to maintain and improve our quality of life.



The following officers of the Queens Village Civic Association for 2009-2010 will be installed at this month's meeting:

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| President           | John Stiller      | Hollis Court Blvd |
| Vice President      | Joseph Nickischer | 221 Street        |
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| Corres. Secretary   | Amelia Kent       | Braddock Ave      |
| Sergeant-at-Arms    | Leonard Fazioli   | 220 Street        |
- Our trustees are Gabriella Krill, James Mooney, and Nagassar Ramgarib.

**FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL!**

The New York City Police Department urges you to celebrate safely on July 4. If you use fireworks, you or someone else can be seriously injured. If you're caught with fireworks, you can be arrested, your car can be confiscated, or your business closed. There is a reward of up to \$ 1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons possessing or distributing fireworks. Call 311 to provide information. Call 911 to report crimes in progress. Your call will be kept confidential and may help to save a life.

**CHURCH OPENS SOUP KITCHEN**

The Queens Baptist Church, located at 93-23 217th Street, has established a "Manna and Quail" Soup Kitchen. The kitchen will be open in Edwards Hall on the third Saturday of each month, from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P. M. All are welcome.

**CALL 911 IF YOU SMELL GAS**

A massive gas explosion in Floral Park last month caused the tragic death of a young woman and left her children motherless and her husband a widower. If you smell gas in your home or outside, call 911 immediately. Don't assume that someone has already reported the leak. Then vacate the immediate area.

**QVCA 52ND ANNUAL DINNER**

You and your family are cordially invited to attend our 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers Ceremony on Tuesday evening, June 16, in Stewart Hall in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, at 7:30 P. M. The food is delicious, and the price is right: \$10.00 per person. The buffet dinner includes dessert, soda, and coffee. It will be a nice evening to enjoy the company of our members and friends. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON AUGUST 4**

The 2009 National Night Out in our area will be held on Tuesday, August 4, in Alley Pond Park, located at the intersection of Winchester Boulevard and Union Turnpike, across the street from Creedmoor Hospital, at 6:00 P. M. It will be hosted by the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct, the 105<sup>th</sup> Community Council, and Community Board 13. Come out with your family and enjoy a fun-filled night of games, music, dancing, prizes, and free food and drink. This is a police-community partnership celebrating its 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. For more information, call the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs Officer at 718-776-9173.

**BROADWAY & BIG BAND SOUND AT OUR LIBRARY**

Our Queens Village Community Library, located at 94-11 217<sup>th</sup> Street, has two very entertaining shows this month. On Saturday, June 13, at 2:00 P. M., a **Big Band Special** takes center stage with a tribute to the creative genius of Basie, Ellington, Dizzy, and more.

On Tuesday, June 23, **It's Broadway!** is playing, beginning at 2:00 P. M. Bass baritone Gunter Stern belts out show-stoppers from "Carousel," "Babes in Arms," "Pal Joey," "Ain't Misbehavin'," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Guys and Dolls," "Can-Can," and more.

**FORECLOSURE AID AVAILABLE AT 311**

New York City is offering aid to struggling homeowners via 311. Many homeowners are afraid to let lenders known of their financial plight and delay seeking help to save their homes. By asking for help from 311, homeowners in foreclosure will be referred to a non-profit organization that will offer sound advice and often do the legwork for them, and protect them from predatory lenders offering to reduce interest rates to as low as two percent for fees of thousands of dollars. Call 311 as a first--and last-- resort to save your home

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

We need not only your financial support, but your contribution of ideas, expertise, and time to make our community a better place. Dues are \$5.00 a year per person. Please mail this form to P.O. Box 0766, Queens Village, NY 11428-0766 or enroll at our meetings. Make your check payable to the Queens Village Civic Association.

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